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AIR FREIGHT UP 12.9%

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 24 — Air freight increased 12.9 percent in August, compared with the same month last year, and was up 12.0 percent in the first eight months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight rose 11.0 percent in August for the 22 air carriers reporting cargo data to ATA. Mail volume was exactly the same as in August of last year. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, was up 8.3 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. airlines in August rose 15.3 percent. Mail volume fell 6.3 percent. The total international cargo of these carriers increased 12.5 percent.

For the first eight months, domestic air freight registered a gain of 8.7 percent. Mail rose 1.0 percent. Domestic cargo was up 6.8 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers during the first eight months increased 16.2 percent. Mail had a slight decline of 0.2 percent. Total international cargo of the U.S. carriers was up 14.0 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
AUGUST 1986	333,654	95,476	429,130	269,277	32,582	301,859	602,931	730,989
AUGUST 1985	300,686	95,481	396,167	233,513	34,791	268,304	534,199	664,471
PERCENT CHANGE	11.0	0	8.3	15.3	(6.3)	12.5	12.9	10.0
8 MONTHS 1986	2,465,768	771,410	3,237,178	2,037,171	268,892	2,306,063	4,502,939	5,543,241
8 MONTHS 1985	2,267,727	763,418	3,031,145	1,753,138	269,403	2,022,541	4,020,865	5,053,686
PERCENT CHANGE	8.7	1.0	6.8	16.2	(0.2)	14.0	12.0	9.7

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western. Frontier included for Jan-Jul 1986/1985.